GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3387
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SERIALS ON INDIAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had contemplated to get serials produced in Indian languages on Indian classics and the works of eminent writers as reported in `Hindustan` dated February 22, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government for this purpose;

(d) whether the said plan is being given up; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the Prasar Bharati Board has approved the production of programmes during 2005-06 in different genres based on Indian Classics in all the 22 languages recognized by the Sahitya Academy. The process of selecting the producer/classics is currently under way. The outlay approved by the Planning Commission for this purpose was Rs. 60 crores for 2004-05 of which Rs.18 crores has been released. The balance would be met by Prasar Bharati out of its Revenue Plan Budget in 2005-06.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.